

# TheChangemakers

## News & Announcements from AHW NOV/DEC 2018

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### AHW Announces \$3.1 million in Awards to Community Health Initiatives and Health Research Projects

*Funding supports \$1.95 million in community initiatives and \$1.19 million in research studies aimed at improving health outcomes*

AHW is proud to [announce the award](#) of more than \$3.1 million to five community health initiatives and six health research projects aimed at improving the health of Wisconsin residents.

"From cells to society, the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment is working to propel work and ideas that support a healthier today, and for generations to come," said Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD, founding director. "Through these awards, we are excited to advance research that can improve lives and help partners create real, positive change in communities statewide."

The following community projects will begin their work in January 2019:

- Wisconsin Medical Dental Integration Project
- Using Food Hubs to Improve Community Health
- Building a Healthy Family Caregiver System
- Lowering Uninsured, STI & Unintended Pregnancy at Milwaukee County Health Departments
- Drug-Free Communities of Fond du Lac County and Fond du Lac School District Capacity-Building Award

The following research projects will begin their work in January 2019:

- Determining the Phenotype of Airway Collapse in Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Targeting Cannabinoid Receptors for Neuroprotection of Parkinson's Disease
- Randomized Controlled Trial for Treatment of Clostridium Difficile Infection
- Neurophysiological Effects of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury
- Development of Predictive Test for Chemotherapy Selection for Pancreatic Cancer
- Mechanisms of Accumulating Damage from Repetitive Subconcussive Head Impacts in Contact Sports

For the full press release, including project summaries, visit [AHWendowment.org](http://AHWendowment.org).

## AHW Health Issue Brief Teams to Begin Work in January



Thank you to all who applied to help AHW examine the state of each of our three focus areas for the next five years. Invitations have currently been extended to participants, and we look forward to the teams launching their work in January!

## Perspective: An Advancing Behavioral Health Initiative Update

AHW's Advancing Behavioral Health Initiative – an eight-year, \$20 million commitment uniting 10 Wisconsin communities in addressing pressing mental and behavioral health needs locally – recently brought all 10 projects together in Lac du Flambeau for an immersive experience aimed at advancing understanding of historical trauma and the importance of culture as prevention.



[Read a perspective on this experience from AHW consultant Paul Schmitz here](#)

## Changemaking in the News

AHW funded partners are making news with new work and projects underway statewide

**Monroe & Vernon Counties:** Wisconsin Employers Supporting Local Child Care to Attract, Maintain Workers ([Wisconsin Public Radio](#))

**Eastern Wisconsin:** How local food pantries, meal programs fight food insecurity ([FDL Reporter](#))

**Milwaukee:** New eviction prevention coalition encourages investment in housing stability ([Neighborhood News Service](#))